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a. Rails:

Requirement for 1952	21,000 tons
Thus far delivered	10,500 tons
Still to be expected	1,500 tons

The state organization for the supply of materials reports that the rolling mills cannot supply the lacking 9,000 tons because of their own shortage of materials. The funds needed to purchase rails to fill the gap amount to \$1,620,000.

- b. Plates: Shortage by the end of 1952 - 1,000 tons. According to the state organization for the supply of materials, the Max foundry cannot supply these. The funds needed amount to 250,000 DM West.
- c. Sleeper bolts: Shortage - 4.7 million units. This shortage cannot be made good in the DDR, since the necessary materials are not at hand in the rolling mills. The funds needed to make good the lack, amount to 2,115,000 DM West.
- d. T-head bolts: Shortage 1952 - 2.5 million units. Funds needed to supply - 1,500,000 DM West.
- e. Plate bolts: Shortage - 484,000 units. Funds needed to supply - 242,000 DM West.
- f. Grommets. Shortage - 6.2 million units. The capacity for production exists, but the VEB TEWA of Chemnitz lacks the necessary materials. Funds needed for supplies 10,000 DM West.
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